

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 and 29-36 are pending. Claims 1, 29 and 36 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

This response relates to the Response to Office Action filed on October 24, 2006. The Office Action dated January 19, 2007, indicated that the Response to Office Action filed on October 24, 2006, was not fully responsive for failing to state that the newly added claims 29-36 read on the original elected species, i.e., Species I. Applicant notes that the Response to Office Action filed on October 24, 2006, states, "Applicant hereby states that claims 29-36 read on Species I, which was previously elected (emphasis added)." Applicant believes this statement sufficient indicates that claims 29-36 read on the originally elected Group I, Species I. Nevertheless, for the interest of expediting the prosecution of this application, Applicant hereby states again that claims 29-36 read on Group I (drawn to a method for forming a storage node), Species I (drawn to chamber plasma doping method).

The Examiner also stated that the amendments of claims 1, 29, 36 are "directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed." The Examiner asserts that this is because of the inclusion of exposing portions of the inner walls of the first amorphous silicon layer in the claims. Applicant respectfully notes that the claims as amended still falls within the scope of Group I (drawn to a method for forming a storage node), Species I (drawn to chamber plasma doping method). Nevertheless, Applicant has amended claims 1, 29, 36 to remove "to expose portions of the inner wall of the first amorphous silicon layer" in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the application and also since the removal of this feature does not appear to narrow the claim scope.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for an opportunity to discuss the above issues on February 6, 2007 and agreeing that the claims are now in compliance. Applicants note that the draft amendment faxed on January 25, 2007, to the Examiner for discussion purposely only is placed on the Public PAIR. Applicants respectfully request that the draft amendment be removed and be replaced with the present amendment.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

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